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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 5900

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON POLITICAL/ MILITARY TRENDS

1. AS DEPT AWARE, I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF COINCIDENCE
OF TIMING MY RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS THROUGH HONOLULU
TO BE JAKARTA REPRESENTATIVE AT CINCPAC' S POLITICAL/ MILITARY

CONFERENCE MAY 7-11. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDER-
LINE SOME OF MANY ADVANTAGES WHICH THIS KIND OF GET-
TOGETHER PROVIDES IN WAY OF IN- DEPTH DISCUSSIONS AND
GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF INTERRELATED MILITARY, POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC CONTEXT IN WHICH WE ALL WORK IN THIS AREA.
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PRESENCE OF CINCPAC AND OFFICERS OF HIS STAFF, REPRESENTATIVES OF DOD, STATE, USIA AND OF EMBASSIES IN EAST ASIAN AREA PROVIDED VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR GETTING WHOLE PICTURE OF OUR COMMON AND RELATED PROBLEMS IN

SUPPORTING OVERALL U. S. OBJECTIVES IN ASIAN PACIFIC AREA.

2. THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND ADVANTAGES ARE, IN MY OPINION, ALL TOO RARE AND I BELIEVE WE OWE DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO CINCPAC FOR HIS INITIATIVE.

3. CONFERENCE WAS PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN PROVIDING INSIGHTS INTO CINCPAC' S PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTING WAYS IN WHICH EMBASSIES MIGHT WORK WITH LEADERSHIP IN COUNTRIES OF THEIR RESIDENCE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CINCPAC' S ROLE AND REQUIREMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, IT APPEARS THAT OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN EAST ASIAN AREA DESIRE AND REGARD AS BULWARK THEIR SECURITY THE PRESENCE OF 7 TH FLEET BUT IN MOST CASES PREFER THAT PRESENCE TO BE MANIFESTED SOMEPLACE BESIDES ON THEIR SOIL. SOME GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY ON THEIR PART OF CINCPAC' S REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND SPACE FOR DEPLOYING AND EXERCISING HIS FORCES IS CLEARLY DESIRABLE. BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CINCPAC AND EMBASSIES CONCERNED OVER REQUIREMENTS FOR BASE AND EXERCISE AREAS AND SOMETIMES CONFLICTING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ALSO CLEARLY REQUIRED AND WELL SERVED BY GATHERINGS SUCH AS THIS.

4. I URGE THAT WE CONVENE OTHER, SIMILAR CONFERENCES AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND, IN ABSENCE CHIEF OF MISSIONS CONFERENCE IN AREA, EVERY SIX MONTHS IN FUTURE.
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